GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

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ALLOTMENT OF ADDITIONAL IRON ORE BLOCKS
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Public Sector Undertaking had sought allotment of additional iron-ore blocks keeping in view the necessities of its expansion;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating therein the name of the PSU; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (c): Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) :

The Growth Plan of SAIL envisages hot metal production of about 26 million tonnes by 2010-11 and about 50 million tonnes by 2019-20. As a result the iron ore requirement for the next 50 years would be about 5700 million tonnes. However, the iron ore resources available with SAIL, including Chiria and Rowghat is about 3400 million tonnes. Hence, SAIL would require additional iron ore and has made the applications as per details given below :-

Sl.No.	Type (PL/ML)	Name of lease/ PL and name of State	Date	Area
1.	PL	Rowghat A,B,C,D,E Blocks, Chhattisgarh	3.7.07	1529 Ha
2.	PL	Karampada, Jharkhand	20.8.07	5330 Ha
3.	PL	Ankua, Jharkhand	20.8.07	3160 Ha
4.	ML	NEB, Karnataka	25.1.07	140 Ha
5.	ML	Kanjamalai, Tamilnadu	27.5.07	1106 Ha
6.	ML	Ghatkuri, Jharkhand	29.5.07	2580 Ha
7	ML	Meghahatuburu, Jharkhand	29.5.07	500 Acre

PL : Prospecting License

ML : Mining Lease

Rashtriya Ispat Nigal Limited (RINL) :

RINL has applied for iron ore blocks keeping in view the necessities of its expansion and also for its existing capacities. Application status is furnished at Annexure.
The concerned State Governments are being actively pursued for expeditious allotment of Prospecting Licenses and Mining Leases.